Seniority of teachers specially recruited for North Eastern Region

490. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many teachers were appointed by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in 1984 specifically for North Eastern Region;

(b) whether they have been given seniority in their respective grades;

(c) whether this seniority is common or different from that of other teachers who were not recruited specifically for North Eastern Region;

(d) if not, what were the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any Association of teachers has opposed it; and

(f) whether Government propose to fix common seniority for these teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) These teachers would be given appropriate seniority in the common seniority list for the respective grades along with teachers of other regions.

In regard to the appointment of teachers specifically for North Eastern Region, one of the teachers' Associations had represented against such appointment.

National Highways damaged in Bihar due to floods

491. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have conducted a thorough survey of the damage done to National Highways passing through Bihar due to floods;

(b) if so, the nature and the extent thereof with particular reference to their location;

(c) how much time and money it will take to complete the repair work; and

(d) whether the survey has also revealed that apart from undertaking yearly repair work it is necessary to construct protective embankments also and, if so, at what points such embankments have been proposed; the estimated cost and by what time they will be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statement is annexed (*See* below).

(c) Repairs of immediate nature are expected to be completed within this financial year. Balance works are likely to be completed within 3 years subject to availability of resources. Estimates for damages are being prepared.

(d) There is no proposal for constructing embankments to protect National Highways.

Statement

The nature and extent of damages and their locations to National Highways in Bihar.

S.No.	N.H. No.	Location/Reach Kms.	Brief description of damages
1	2	3	4
1.	2	Kms. 140 to 228, 363 to 409 and km. 429 to 441 in stretches.	Potholes. Diversion in km. 361 breached. Heavy damages to road crust in km. 438 to 441.
2.	23 (a)	Km. 22 to 65 and km. 82 to 85 *of Chas-Ramgarh Section in* stretches.	Potholes and patches; 100 metres *aggregated length (in stretches)* heavily damaged.
	(b)	Km. 140, 152 and 158 Ranchi-Birmitrapur Section.	Culverts damaged.